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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claims 20-31 as set forth below.

540 B' A' 20. (New) The computer system as recited in claim 19 wherein the first node is configured to transmit a second command packet in a second virtual channel of the plurality of virtual channels, and wherein the second node is coupled to receive the second command packet and is configured to generate a second response packet in response to the second command packet, and wherein the second node is configured to transmit the second response packet in the response virtual channel.

21. (New) The computer system as recited in claim 19 wherein the plurality of virtual channels includes a non-posted command virtual channel and a probe virtual channel.